

Customer No.: 31561
Application No.: 10/709,279
Docket No.: 12047-US-PA

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

The Office Action rejected presently-pending claims 1, 3-10, and 12-15. Specifically, the Office Action rejected claims 3 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 112. The Office Action rejected claims 1, 3-10, and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as being anticipated by Takahashi et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0094069).

The Office Action objected presently-pending claims 2 and 11. Specifically, the Office Action objected claims 2 and 11 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In addition, the examiner states that claims 2 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claims 3 and 13 to improve clarity. Applicant has added corresponding limitations of claim 2 into claims 1 and 12, and canceled claim 2. Applicant has still also added new claims 16-20, and no new matter has been entered. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, and 3-20 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Office Action Rejections

1. Response To Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. Section 112

Claims 3 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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Applicant has amended claim 3 and 13, and no new matter has been entered.

Amended claim 3 now recites "The message taking method as recited in claim 1, wherein the predetermined event comprises the DVD player being started when a predetermined time being up." And amended claim 13 now recites "The DVD player as recited in claim 12, wherein the predetermined event comprises the DVD player being started when a predetermined time being up." It is definite that the DVD player is started when a predetermined time being up.

2. Response To Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. Section 102

Claims 1,3-10, and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as being anticipated by Takahashi et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0094069).

Applicant has added corresponding limitations of claim 2 into claims 1 and 12. As examiner states in Allowable Subject Matter, amended claim 1 and amended claim 12 should be allowable.

Because claims 3-10 and 12-15 depends directly on the independent amended claim 1, claims 3-10 and 12-15 should be allowed.

Applicant has added new claims 16-20. The subject matter of the new claim 16 includes the limitations of original claim 11. Therefore, the new claim 16 should be allowable.

Because new claims 17-20 depend directly on the independent new claim 16, new claims 17-20 should be allowed.

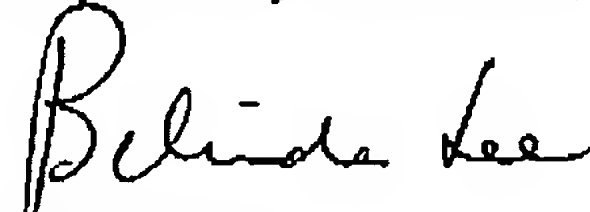
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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims 1, and 3-20 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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